Diphenhydramine and Methdilazine drugs

658. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had informed the Kelkar Committee that Diphenhydramine and Methdilazine are not essential drugs;

(b) if so, on what basis such conclusion has been drawn by his Ministry;

(c) what are the indications for which these drugs are used;

(d) whether his Ministry has determined any criteria to assess the essentiality of a drug; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Ministry of Health had not sent any such information to the Kelkar Committee.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The drugs are used for treatment of allergic reactions to relieve symptoms of rhinitis, bad cold, nasal irritation, treatment of Urticaria.

(d) and (e) There is no national list of essential drugs. However, the criteria for identifying drugs for peripheral level of health care are the drugs that are used for mass consumption based on prevalence of disease pattern.

Review of court marital verdicts

659. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to have an appellate court to review court martial verdicts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Government was considering such a proposal but it has since been decided not to pursue it for the time being.

Migration of Indian scientists and technology experts

660. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of highly qualified Indian scientists and technology experts who migrated to U.S.A. and other foreign countries during 1987 and 1988; and

(b) what remedial measures have been taken to prevent the scientists and technology experts from leaving the country and to what extent these measures have been a success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) It has not been possible to maintain a record of Indian scientists and technologists migrating to U.S.A. and other foreign countries.

(b) A number of measures have been taken from time to time in the past to attract Indian scientists and technologists settled abroad to come back to the country. Some of these are:

— There is a provision for temporary placement of scientists and technologists under the scheme of Scientists Pool.

— A provision has also been made for creation of supernumerary posts.

— With a view to assisting non-resident Indians to secure expeditious clearance of their applications for setting up of industrial units in the country, a Special Cell has been